IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE:

: Chapter 11 NORTHWESTERN CORP., :

: Bankruptcy No. 03-12872 (JLP)

Debtor. :

:

LAZARD FRERES & CO., LLC.,

Appellant,

v. : Civil Action No. 05-395-JJF

NORTHWESTERN CORP. :

Appellee.

ORDER

WHEREAS, this matter was referred to mediation on June 29, 2005;

WHEREAS, by letter, the Court has been notified that the appeal was not resolved through mediation;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall adhere to the following briefing schedule unless an otherwise agreed upon schedule is filed within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order:

Appellants Opening Brief on appeal shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

Answering Brief on appeal shall be filed within **fifteen**(15) days of receipt of opening brief.

Reply Brief on appeal shall be filed within ten (10) days of receipt of answering brief.

December 20, 2005

DATE

NITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE